

## Minutes of the Board of Sewer Commissioners Thursday February 18, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Michael R. Buxton at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were, Chairman Michael Buxton, Commissioner George N. Dristiliaris, Commissioner Philip L. Greene and Superintendent Jay F. Reynolds.

The Board approved the minutes from December 17, 2015. Mr. Greene made the motion to approve and Mr. Buxton seconded the motion.

The Board approved the minutes from January 21, 2016. Mr. Dristiliaris made the motion to approve and Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

The Board approved and signed the Sewer Permits.

The Board approved and signed the 2016 Drain Layer License Renewals for Potvin Excavation, Inc. and Rainbow Builders Corp. Mr. Greene made the motion to approve and Mr. Dristiliaris seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

The Board approved and signed CDM Smith invoices for payment, they were all contractual amounts. The invoices and amounts are as follows: Contract #31 (\$4,499.45), Contract #32 \$8,830.59, Task Order No.1 \$5,795.26, CCTV-5 \$46,845.18. Mr. Greene made the motion to approve and Mr. Dristiliaris seconded the motion.

The Board approved and signed Pay Req. Number #12 for Contract 32 Albanese D&S in the amount of \$40,304.63. It is close to substantial completion. Tuesday 2/23/16 will begin startup of pump stations. Cherrywood taking flow and Mammoth Road to follow early March pending substantial completion requests. Mr. Dristiliaris made the motion and Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

Taken out of order. A discussion took place regarding the Grinder Pump RFP/Bid. The RFP/Bid was granted to FR Mahoney for a three year bid on Grinder Pumps. They were the only bidder and therefore the lowest bidder. The pumps are \$25 higher than the previous contract. This is considered a reasonable increase considering specifications providing precast ballast. Mr. Dristiliaris made motion to approve. Mr. Greene seconded the motion. Unanimous decision.

A discussion took place regarding 654 Hildreth Street to request a reduction of the privilege fee. Mr. Gucwa came before the Board and told of his family's long and respectable history in the Town of Dracut. His mother remained in the family home until her passing and it was upon transfer of ownership that the heirs became aware that documentation for sewer hookup had not been addressed. He is asking for consideration due to his family's history and the circumstances of his elderly mother's diminished understanding of the correspondences she received, that the Board allow him the original privilege fee and interest as deemed fair. He also offered to pay past sewer bills back to the time of access to sewer but it was determined that it would calculate to approximately the same amount. Mr. Gucwa is undecided if he would take up residence or sell the property. The value of the home would be greatly enhanced by connecting to sewer.

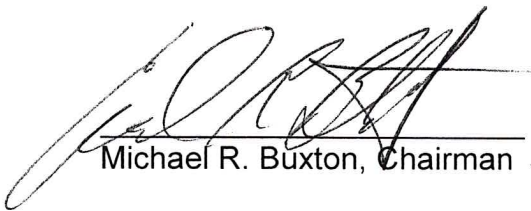
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Mr. Buxton opened the floor for discussion to the other Commissioners. Mr. Greene does not find grounds for a waiver. Mr. Dristiliaris stated that considering how he feels about the fee and the Gucwa family history with the Town, to afford the family the consideration of a waiver. Mr. Buxton explained this process was dictated by Town Meeting due to the investment the Town had to make in the sewer extension for the whole program. The town residents voted to put this fee in for this purpose. Notices are sent out to residents alerting them to the two year window. There does not appear to be significant hardship to consider this request. There was oversight of other bills and obligations and the correspondences regarding the sewer tie in dates were signed for in 2002. Mr. Greene made motion to deny. Mr. Dristiliaris seconded the motion to vote. Mr. Greene voted to deny. Mr. Dristiliaris voted to grant. Mr. Buxton voted to deny. Vote to deny passed two to one.

New business was discussed regarding Grinder Pumps by Jay Reynolds. How long will the Town of Dracut pay for residential grinder pumps? Previous documentation indicates no time limit. Dracut Sewer Department records indicate approximately 30 properties for Contract #31 will need pumps at a value of \$128,000 and Contract #32 reflects similar figures. Mr. Reynolds would like to put this on the agenda to discuss a time limit be placed on this practice.

The next Sewer Commission Meeting will be held on March 17, 2016.

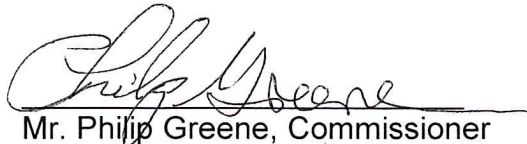
The meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.



Michael R. Buxton, Chairman



George Dristiliaris, Commissioner



Mr. Philip Greene, Commissioner

"The matters listed above are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair that may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law."